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DOE Requests Proposals for Management and Operating Contractor at Savannah River Site

WASHINGTON, DC -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued its Request for Proposals (RFP) for the competitive selection of a management and operating (M&O) contractor for the Savannah River Site (SRS). The total value of the five-year contract is \$4 billion. All proposals are due to the Department no later than May 23, 2007.

SRS is a key DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM) industrial complex located in South Carolina. The current EM focus at SRS is on the cleanup of legacy materials, facilities, and wastes left from the Cold War. The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), located on the site, is EM's corporate laboratory. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at SRS supports the DOE national security and non-proliferation programs. This M&O contract will not include management of SRS liquid waste programs, which is the subject of a separate procurement.

The RFP details the criteria that DOE will use in selecting an M&O contractor for SRS. The RFP's evaluation criteria include the proposed key personnel, including the proposed chief executive officer and laboratory director; the proposed organization and management structure; the technical approach to accomplish the EM, NNSA, and SRNL missions at SRS; environment, safety, and health; past performance, and relevant experience.

Notable changes suggested during the draft RFP comment period include an increase in the amount of the available fee (from 4 to 7 percent), removal of subcontractor fee restriction, and removes the intent to separate SRNL from the M&O contract. DOE also updated the RFP to remove emergency management from its scope of work and anticipates this work to be provided by a separate contractor.

DOE has also identified the following work for prospective separate small business set-aside federal contracts: transportation and mechanical services, health and human services, and information management services.

The RFP is available to interested parties on the DOE e-Commerce website: <http://e-center.doe.gov/> and the DOE-SR acquisition website: <http://professionals.pr.doe.gov/srs/>.

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